

# The Raymond Leader

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RAYMOND, ALBERTA, FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, 1914.

No

## Raymonds Biggest Fair

Raymond Fair for Raymond People. Stirling, Welling and Mammoth Included.

That the year 1914 will mark the greatest page in the history of Raymond, as regards the annual fair, is what the directors of the Agricultural Society are promising the people.

The spirit manifested by the Government officials relative to making all Provincial fairs an enterprise for the people, and for having especially taken hold of the Raymond Fair Officials, who are promising a Raymond fair for Raymond people, which implies that the professional prize lifter who travels from town to town, lifting all, or nearly all, the cream, will not be permitted to enter his exhibits.

The Raymond district this year will be restricted to Raymond, Stirling, Mammoth and Welling, unless it be for the exhibits of sugar beets, which will undoubtedly come from a much larger area.

The official prize list and regulations of the Agricultural Society has had but little revising in the past few years, and in as much as the Government feels so determined to have a fair, the distributed more widely among the worthy women and children, who today, play such an important role in agricultural activities, implies that in order to become reconciled with the movement, our prize list must go into the crucible and be remodelled. Raymond can proudly say that she is one of the first of the nine, seven agricultural societies of the Province to fall into line. A ready a special revising committee consisting of Mark Y. Crossall, T. O. King, O. F. Ursebach and Geo. T. Wride has been appointed and who have the work well under way. They assure us that the new prize list will be made so as to dovetail into nearly every local condition and that the ladies and children will in no wise be overlooked, to the extent that every phase of 1914 fair activities will be placed where they will be enabled to compete and win much of the money to be given this fall.

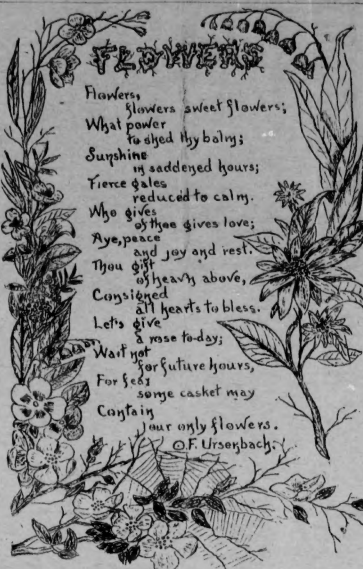
The Society has been fortunate indeed in having already \$500 to offer the people in prizes and it is expected that even more than that amount will be realized.

Some people have raised an objection to the date of the fair coming in August instead of the late in the fall. In reply to this the

Society assures us that the very best possible date has been secured. It must be remembered that we are but one in ninety-seven similar organizations, all of whom are to have a fair this year, and all of whom are to have competent Government judges. It is not reasonable to think that prizes can be supplied for so many societies if all met in the fall of the year. Many societies have been asked to have their fairs as early as June and have uncomplainingly fallen into line, and when our fair is set for as late as August, we can feel, after all, to be complimented in this regard.

The spirit of Raymond's 1914 fair is "Agriculture and Live Stock," and all within the district are urged to apply their energies along that line. There will be but few phases of the fair in which ladies and children cannot consistently play an important part, and especially if they make an effort at an early date, making a means to an end. In all phases of agriculture, horticulture, dairying, raising of poultry, calves, colts, and numerous other avenues ladies and children can, within the bounds of reason, win much of the prize money offered. While this is an agricultural fair, it must not be understood that cooking, art, domestic art, fancy needlework, mercantile exhibits, home manufacture and various exhibits as heretofore entered in competition will not have place, but on the contrary it is expected that these departments will be stronger than ever before. A special appropriation has already been made for school children's work, and it is suggested that school preparations be put under way at an early date.

While the success of any fair depends largely of the financial aspect, still, the real success depends on the concerted effort on the part of the people. Therefore it is suggested that all within the Raymond Fair District become enthused with out delay. Select the line you wish to enter into at an early date; then work to that end and there will be no doubt, but that Raymond's 1914 fair will go down in the annals of history as having been worth while as well as to place the community on a higher agricultural and intellectual standing.



## OWED TO CARDSTON.

"Early to bed and early to rise,  
Makes a man healthy wealthy and wise."

This relic of some ancient lay,  
And one with age that's sage and hoar,

Has been renewed in this our day  
And forms the theme of this poor story.

Sleep! blessed sleep, that lays our fears,  
That rids us of all earthly cares,

Thou check'st the flow of cursing tears,  
And mends our working weans and tears.

Sweet infancy, decrepit age,  
Alike inhale thy potions deep,

Barbaric savage, lettered sage,  
All court and own thy sway, sweet sleep.

Though all the earth yet own thy sway,  
Thy myriad votaries yet must own,

A town there is not far away  
May claim the right to be thy home.

Her residents exemplars sweet,  
Staid and demurely walk the street,

No matter where or where they meet,  
Their "midnight" now is "ten o'clock."

There was a time we used to think,  
Astronomy was right at least,

This change puts science "on the blink"  
And leaves the Pole Star too far East,

The streets once straight and true, had been  
All changed are now, and sorely try us,

Remember we so early waken,  
What once was straight 's now on the bias,

This relic had a strange effect,  
Our howling youngsters 'em dare'n't buck it,

Their gripping "tummies" straight are checked,  
And when ten strikes they stumple "chuck it"

You'd think the sun 'd be 't me at least  
To twa he's followed and that best,

But now he rises due Nor East  
And sets of course at due Sou West.

This town has heeded Father Time,  
And cheated him and all his heirs,

Eor if at ten is midnight's chime  
They've swigged two hours and made them theirs

But what they've swigged they must reurn,  
And when for them death's hour shall chime,

Their mortal lamp must cease to burn  
Those two full hours before their time,

## 2nd. Ward Team Wins B.B. Trophy.

Academy defeats 1st. Ward in Afternoon.  
Fast Game at Night.

The silver cup, which is put up every year by the Raymond wards as a trophy for the champion of that year, was won last night by the 2nd, was seen in a fast, exciting game with the Academy which was a "toss up" for the winner until the last minute, the Academy was two points ahead when Bentley made a beautiful throw almost from centre, making the score even with about one minute to play then Walker put a foot pitch and as the result of some quick passing Stevens put a neat "one hander," a few moments later the time was up and the score stood 21 18 in the wards favor.

The game in the Afternoon between the Academy and the 1st ward was a snappy game but the ward players couldn't cope with the splendid team work of the students. The score was 35-23.

The old time opponents, namely the 1st and 2nd ward Juniors, were lined up against each other after

the big game and they sure played some good basket ball. It was a game going up till the last few minutes, then the 2nd ward scored and fast. The score was 37 to 21.

On the final game at night between the 2nd ward and Academy was centered most of the interest and a large crowd of rooters from both sides were present. Every man on both teams played a good game. The students played the best teamwork but both teams made the same number of field baskets. Walker, however, made three more foul baskets than the students.

The referee was so fair as he could be. It was a hard game to referee but he gave good satisfaction.

The cup has now been won once by the Academy, once by the 1st Ward and once by the 2nd Ward. The one that was it three times first keeps the trophy for good and aye.

## Local News

Telephone any interesting News

Mr. Dell Cazier came down from Cardston last Thursday to visit his daughters, Misses Maydell and Lila Cazier.

Miss Roxie Rodhebeck leaves tomorrow night for Cardston, where she will be engaged in the telephone office as operator.

The play "Way Down East" has been postponed indefinitely, owing to some of the principals leaving town. This pleasing hit play will be recast and played sometime later.

Last Saturday evening the Old Fellows entertained their wives and sweethearts at a banquet in the Raymond Hotel. Mr. Clevis occupied the chair in the absence of Dr. Wray. A program of singing, reciting, etc. was rendered, and at the table, of course, the usual toasts were offered. Everybody present enjoyed the evening very much.

The Jolly Girls dance was a huge success. Young people from every town in the vicinity were there. The opera house looked its best, the music was as usual, very good and the costumes of the ladies were "par excellence."

The long looked for animal picture was shown at the 'Alta' last Friday. Three shows were shown each to a packed house. It was the record day for the 'Alta' as they took in 130 dollars. Mr. Stark received 35 percent.

Geo. R. Revill, of Lethbridge, spent a few days in town this week writing up life insurance and visiting friends. He is representing the prudential Life Insurance Co. of America.

Between 30 and 40 young people were entertained at the Manse last Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable time is reported.

Prest. Bramwell of the Knigh Academy was in Magrath last Sunday night and a full house turned

out to hear him speak. The Garden City" residents appreciate good speaking. Good feelings were "effected" towards the Academy work as a whole.

The "Beavers" Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church are entertaining the I. H. M. S. Bible Class of Magrath this evening. The entertainment is taking the form of an illustrated song social.

The Women's Institute will hold their regular monthly meeting next Wednesday afternoon, March 18th, at 4 o'clock sharp. Ladies are requested to bring some piece of sewing or fancy work, after which luncheon will be served. All non-members are cordially invited to attend.

There will be a talk on "The Cultivation of Flowers," by Mr. Meldrum, who will be prepared to answer all questions. Solo by Ella Milner, Piano Duet by the Misses Allen and Anderson and a Reading by Florence Rasmussen. An enjoyable afternoon is expected. Kindly be on time.

Mrs. C. H. Dudley, who has been seriously ill with gall stones for some time, was sent to Lethbridge on Wednesday to be operated on at the Galt Hospital. The operation took place immediately upon her arrival and was satisfactory to the attending physicians. There were ninety eight small stones removed. It is in debate when Mrs. Dudley will be able to return home.

The Knight Academy Amateur Dramatic Club journeyed in force last Tuesday night to Cardston where they took the town by storm. They presented their excellent little play "One of the Right" to a large and appreciative audience. The players were totally entertained while in the Temple city.

## BIRTHS.

We are in receipt of a postal card from Olga announcing the arrival of a big baby boy to Mrs. W. S. Berryessa on March 7th. They send best regards to all.

BORN to the wife of Earl Scoville last Sunday afternoon. It's a girl this time.

BORN, on Sunday, March 8th, to the wife of G. A. Evans, a daughter.

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S. Grant Young,  
Editor and Manager.

## Editors Have It Easy

All an editor has to do is to write poems, discuss the tariff, report weddings, chop wood, make one dollar serve as ten, shine at dances, abuse the liquor habit, subscribe to charity, go without meals, wear diamonds, invent advertisements, overlook scandal, delight punkin raisers, make a fuss over thirty farmers' obituaries, sweep out the office, fight to the finish, set type round opinions, pacify the disgruntled, dictate to the devil, stand in with everybody, roast officials, praise the people, and print a paper once a week.

Also just a few sundries, such as attending home dramatic rehearsals, afternoons and nights, learning preaches for tryouts, practicing "rummy" tenor solo, managing an irregular basketball team and then trying to get fat.

## Pass It Along

There is a man in our town  
And he is full of prunes;  
He has a rusty photograph  
And never changes tones.  
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

There is a man in our town  
Our goat for sure he's got;  
He dumps all sorts of rubbish on  
His vacant corner lot.  
—All-entwined Democrat.

There is a man in our town  
Who's even worse than that  
He's teaching tango dancing on  
The floor above our flat.  
—Chicago Herald.

There is a man in our town  
Who sits behind your seat;  
And everything the actors say,  
He thinks he must repeat.  
—Goodwin's Weekly.

There is a man in our town  
A tobacco worm or two,  
In public halls and theatres  
Are traces of his plume.  
—Iron Country Record.

There is a guy in our town  
(We hesitate to tell it)  
Who rats a little when  
So people cannot smell it.  
—Kane County News.

There is a man in our town  
Who keeps our 'rep' from sagging  
He goes to all the dances,  
And cuts out all the ragging.  
—Raymond Leader.

Magrath town officials are having  
troubles these days. The  
school board is in arrears about  
\$200 for teachers' salaries. The  
officials are being censured from  
every angle.

Three good samples of the best  
varieties of potatoes are being dis-  
tributed at the Experimental farm  
at Lethbridge, to those who apply.  
Free of charge. Address, W. H.  
Fairfield.

## WESTERN FREIGHT RATES

An Attempt to Divide the Forces  
Fighting for Reduction

Strong objection is made by Mr. J. E. Walsh, manager of the Transportation Department of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, to the alleged efforts of the Canadian Northern Railway to divide the forces of the Western farmers and the Canadian manufacturers who are fighting for a readjustment of Western freight rates.

The Manufacturers' organization, through its Transportation Department, has been in the forefront of the battle for reduced freight rates for years, and there has been hardly any move in the Western freight rates lawsuit, which has been going on for several years now, about which the manufacturers' effort has not been consulted by those in charge of the case for the Western shippers. The manufacturers were the first to engage a trained railway expert for its independent advice in transportation problems, and they gladly put his services at the disposal of all shippers fighting for better rates and conditions. The manufacturers are, therefore, rather exercised against the C.N.R. for permitting the following circuit to be pushed by its agents in some of the outlying stations in the prairie provinces:

"To whom it may concern,  
"It has come to the notice of the agents of the Canadian Northern Railway that certain manufacturers are being pressured to bear upon the Railway Commission to obtain more reductions in the present freight tariffs. The effect of the proposed reductions will not, it is sure, be of benefit to the farmers of this district in any way, as it will not be utilized to reduce the cost to the consumer. The reductions, if they become effective, will, however, prove a very serious detriment to the farmers of Saskatchewan, at the Canadian Northern Railway, in common with the other railways operating in the province, will be compelled to do much more construction work than is at present contemplated, as well as the ordering of new equipment to handle the present year's grain crop, and farmers will find that branches which they expected to help them out in various parts of the province will not be constructed on account of the Canadian Northern being unable to finance the work."

Replying to this circular, which was first published in the Winnipeg Free Press, Mr. Walsh states:

"The attempt to draw off the fire of the Western farmers by telling them that the chief demand for a readjustment of freight rates originated with the Eastern manufacturers who wanted to increase their profits in trading with the West is too apparent to be effective. The readjustment of freight rates must come in the near future, and the railways would strengthen their position with Government and people if they bowed to the inevitable instead of maintaining a costly warfare against the wishes of the country. We are quite aware of the sacrifices made and the efforts put forth by the Canadian Northern Railway in transportation. We are also aware of the enormous grants of land and money which have been made to that railway company by the people and Government of Canada. The farmers of the West have paid their share in taxes and have added the railway by patiently submitting to poor service in order that the company might save its money to build new lines. The manufacturers have tolerated poor service and high charges for the same reason. The manufacturers want to see the great system of the Canadian Northern develop and flourish."

## MILLING INDUSTRY

It Pays Good Wages, and Affords Employment for a Large Number of People

An important element that enters into the free wheat discussion is the fact that the building of large mills in the various centers of Western Canada has provided a stability and diversity of employment which has been long felt as a great need. The employees of the flour mills in Western Canada spend their money in Western Canada over the counters of Western Canadian merchants and among the farmers of the surrounding community. If we sent our wheat over to the United States to be milled all the money would be spent among United States people for the building up of their communities. It would seem, therefore, that unless the Western farmer is sure he is going to get a substantial increase in price he should be very slow to advocate a change which is bound to bring serious disadvantages not only for the Canadian miller, but for the mixed farmer, and all Western communities which already have or are seeking big mills.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF LETHBRIDGE.

In the Matter of an Application  
for Confirmation of the Tax  
Enforcement Return for the  
Town of Raymond in  
the Province of  
Alberta.

## JUDGES ORDER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—  
NOTICE is hereby given  
pursuant to the Order of His Honor  
Judge Jackson of date the 4th  
day of February A. D. 1914, that  
the Court of Confirmation of the Tax  
Enforcement Return for the Town  
of Raymond in the Province of  
Alberta for arrears of taxes due to  
the said Town to the 31st day of  
December 1913 will be held at the  
Town Hall at the Town of Raymond  
on the 7th day of April A. D. 1914  
at the hour of 10 o'clock in the  
forenoon.

Dated at Lethbridge this 4th day  
of February A. D. 1914.

W. B. NADEAU  
Secretary-Treasurer for the  
said Town of Raymond.

PALMER & MCLELLAN  
Solicitors for the said  
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Approved,  
February 4th, 1914  
J. A. JACKSON

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## Obituary.

Marie Linkus, the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Linkous, passed from this mortal life last Monday at her home.

The young lady was an invalid and had been ill most of her life. The funeral was held at the 2nd Ward meeting house on Thursday. A large crowd attended and it is believed that the many beautiful things said of the deceased by the speakers.

## Funeral Services For Mrs Don Harvey Deceased.

The funeral services of Mrs Don Harvey who died last Sunday were held in the 2nd ward meeting house last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At least three hundred people were present and listened to the beautiful discourses of Prest, Bramwell, O. E. Uresbach, R. P. Rivas, R. P. Fawcett of Stirling.

There were many of the relatives and close friends of the deceased present and they took much consolation in the remarks given by the speakers.

The choir rendered some beautiful appropriate music.

The remains were interred in the Raymond cemetery.

## 'The Tyroler Queen' Great Success

The operetta entitled "The Tyroler Queen," presented by a feminine amateur operatic club under the direction of C. F. Tollestrup, was a big success.

A good sized audience was present and they were ever anxious to extend the show and sell as many tickets as possible.

The singing was excellent, both the choruses and soloists. It was going to be a very successful affair and the principles did not disappoint.

Miss Savage, the "Tyroler Queen," was very good in every way and Olga Anderson certainly looked Mother Gruen and her style of singing was very appropriate.

The other principles as well as the choruses were all splendid.

The scenery and costumes were features of the evening and much credit is due Mr. Tollestrup, Mr. Ericson, Geo. Kirkham and Bert Kirkham for the big success of the whole entertainment.

## The Knight Academy Students Play Good Comedy

"One of the Right," the college comedy presented by the Knight Academy students was a brilliant success. The audience was kept in excitement and mirth from start to finish.

In the first place the play is a 'gem,' sparkling comedy and natural drama being manifest from start to finish.

In the second place the Academy students, under the very able direction of instructor Carter, played their parts with an easy going, graceful manner which would have reflected credit on a good many professionals.

Dave Fulmer as 'Peter' was perhaps the main hit of the evening and together with Marie Skousen as 'Bab,' they made the most of many very comical situations and simply made a 'hit' all round.

Some of the leading parts were very well taken care of. Lita Carter looked very sweet and played her part with feeling. Percy Christensen and Linton Jeffery held up their reputations as talented amateurs. Emory Barrus, as the villainous byproduct, was splendid and showed much good coaching and natural adaptability. Lord Chillingworth, as portrayed by Octav Uresbach was well up to the standard. In parts Octave did some excellent acting, in parts he forgot the character he was playing.

A feature of the play was the old-fashioned women in the first act as portrayed by Ralph Lutton and Irene Robinson. They were both just fine.

Miss Eva Skousen looked very pretty and played every bit of her part well. Evelyn Evans looked and acted just as perfect as Professor Robinson took the audience by storm. His portrayal of Cael Weston was spirited, natural, and really artistic.

The success of the play, as was apparent all through, was the coaching of instructor Carter. She worked incessantly and it was not inevitable.

## To Play Benefit For Academy Library

The McGrath Amateur Dramatic Club are presenting "The Confidant" tomorrow night, for the benefit of the Knight Academy Library.

This very courteous act on the part of the Garden City players, deserves big support from the Raymond public.

The play is a very good one teeming with excitement and comedy. The scene being laid during the civil war. Appropriate costumes have been secured only with much trouble and expense. You will miss something good if you are not there.

Special music by the Raymond Opera House orchestra will be furnished.

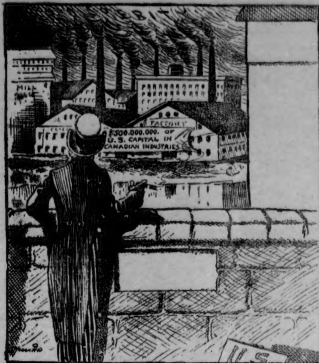
## To Give Free Recital.

Next Thursday in the 1st ward meeting house Mr. N. L. Mitchell who has been teaching piano music in Raymond for some time, will give a free recital to the Raymond public with his piano pupils.

Mr. Mitchell has worked hard since he has been here and has developed some very good talent and music lovers may be assured of a treat and also a surprise next Thursday.

Some outside numbers will be introduced to vary the program and make it even more interesting.

## Good Meals Served at All Hours. Fresh Fruit Always on Hand. SUGAR CITY, CALIF.



Unite Sam! "Well, I see Jack Canuck's a pretty long-headed boy. He's induced a lot of my capital to go over to his country."

## CAPITAL AND PROFIT WHAT IS FAIR RETURN?

Grain Growers' Grain Company Made a Twenty-five Per Cent. Profit

According to the annual statement of the Grain Growers' Grain Company presented at their annual meeting at Winnipeg on November 12th, profits for the year amounted to \$164,232 on a paid up capital of \$465,361, which is equivalent to 25 1/2%. The profits would have been nearly 50% had not the company lost over \$170,000 in the export grain business. The statement was generally accepted by the shareholders as a most satisfactory one. The assets of the company are also in very good shape, and their real estate is increasing in value every year.

Several Canadian papers commented on the good showing made, among them the "Canadian Courier," which says and discusses the following pertinent questions:

"Should a manufacturer in Eastern Canada, who is making a profit of twenty per cent on his investment, reduce the price of his wares to the level of the farmer's? This is a question which has often been asked and never satisfactorily answered. How would it be to refer it to the Grain Growers of the West, among whose members are men who think the Eastern manufacturer is a robber and bloodsucker? Would this be too hard on the manufacturer, do you think? Well, let us see.

"On November 12th, in the city of Winnipeg, the shareholders of the Grain Growers' Grain Company assembled for their annual meeting. These are the people who are asked to maintain the 'Grain Growers' Guide,' the paper which is most severe on the Eastern manufacturer. This grain company has a capital of \$465,000, and during the year just ended earned more than 25 per cent. No one criticized these enormous profits. No farmer shareholder called the company a robber or bloodsucker. Every one was pleased. A ten per cent. dividend was paid, and the rest of the cash carried forward. Isn't that the way the bankers and manufacturers in accepting a similar return on their investment?"

## BILLION DOLLAR NATION

Trade Statistics Show the Wise Policy is to Keep as Much Money as Possible in Our Own Country

Canada is about to become one of the billion dollar nations. Her total foreign trade in 1912, exclusive of movements of precious metals, was \$997,055,201, an increase of \$196,306,028 over 1911. Of the total, \$514,386,244 was trade with the United States, an increase of \$120,191,578 over 1911. The exports to the United States were \$185,512,491, and the imports from the United States were \$419,804,770.

Canada's chief purchases from the United States were metals, minerals, and manufactures of \$116,145,331; coal and coke, \$41,117,856; wood and manufactures of \$24,882,970; carriages, wagons, etc. \$17,484,397; cotton and manufactures, \$15,955,784.

These figures show that the United States is taking over \$1,000,000 per day from Canada and even after deducting our exports we find ourselves indebted to the United States for over \$750,000 per day which we must borrow abroad to pay our debts. The figures

clearly suggest even to a lay reader that we should strive in some way to keep our money in Canada where it would circulate over the counters of Canadian merchants, in the pay envelopes of Canadian mechanics, in the purses of the Canadian farmers; in a word in Canada among Canadians. The enormous adverse balance of trade in favor of United States is a serious matter for a young country and it behooves all of us to consider whether we are doing all we can to keep our money circulating at home. A policy of practical patriotism is badly needed.

## THE WILSON TARIFF. THE COST OF LIVING

No Material Change, But Increases if Anything, in the Price of Food

During the Presidential campaign in the United States the Democrats made much of the argument that a reduction in the tariff, to which they were pledged, would bring a corresponding reduction in the cost of living. In admitting that nothing more Canada and elsewhere for the consumer in urban centers would be enabled to purchase his food at a proportionately lower price. The Democrats were elected on a compromise vote, and immediately attacked the problem of reducing the duties. If the cost of living was to be reduced one would naturally look for a sympathetic movement in the cost of food products even prior to the enactment of the Democratic law.

One would look for this sympathetic movement in retail prices of food products never rose as rapidly in the United States as in the first months of the current year, when the United States people were pulling down part of the tariff wall.

According to the United States Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, retail prices of the principal articles of food in 40 important industrial cities, gathered and compiled by experts, show that during the year 1912 of the 16 articles advanced in price, while only three declined.

Comparison of retail prices on Aug. 15, 1912, with prices on the same date in 1912, shows potatoes advanced 29 per cent; bacon 18.8 per cent; smoked ham 17.6 per cent; eggs, 12.4 per cent; round steak, 11.5 per cent; sirloin steak, 10.2 per cent; pork chops, 9.3 per cent; hens, 8.7 per cent; lard, 8.1 per cent; rib roast, 7.9 per cent; butter, 7.2 per cent; and milk 2.7 per cent. Sugar declined 7.9 per cent; wheat flour, 5.5 per cent; and corn meal, 5.7 per cent.

Compared with average prices for the 10-year period—1890 to 1909—every article for which prices were noted with the exception of sugar, advanced. Bacon advanced 129 per cent; pork chops, 124.5 per cent; round steak, 79.3 per cent; rib roast, 76.6 per cent; potatoes, 75.2 per cent; hens, 74.2 per cent; lard, 68.4 per cent; eggs, 66.4 per cent; cornmeal, 69 per cent; butter, 43.9 per cent.

When the price of each of the 16 articles of food is taken into account, adding to average consumption in working men's families, retail prices on Aug. 15, 1912, were 6.1 per cent above the average price for the 10-year period—1890 to 1909; 8 per cent above the price on Aug. 15, 1912, and 14.9 per cent above the price on Aug. 15, 1911. It would seem evident, therefore, that the tariff cannot be blamed for the high cost of living in the United States, and the same is true elsewhere.

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Miss Marjorie McCarty was in Lethbridge yesterday looking over the latest importations of feminine adornments from Paris.